

don-ist \-sh(ə)-nist/ *n* (1901) : a person employed to greet tele-
callers, visitors, patients, or clients

re-ceptive \ri-'sep-tiv/ *adj* (15c) 1 : able or inclined to receive; *esp*
and responsive to ideas, impressions, or suggestions 2 *a* of a
sense organ : fit to receive and transmit stimuli *b* : SENSORY —
re-ceptively *adv* — **re-ceptive-ness** *n* — **re-cep-tiv-i-ty** \rē-'sep-'ti-
-ti/ *n*

re-cep-tor \ri-'sep-tər/ *n* (1898) : RECEIVER: as *a* : a cell or group of
cells that receives stimuli : SENSE ORGAN *b* : a chemical group or mol-
ecule (as a protein) on the cell surface or in the cell interior that has an
affinity for a specific chemical group, molecule, or virus

re-cess \rē-'ses, ri-'/ *n* [L *recessus*, fr. *recedere* to recede] (1531) 1 : the
act of receding : RECESSION 2 : a hidden, secret, or secluded place
(as a : INDENTATION, CLEFT (a deep ~ in the hill) *b* : ALCOVE
lined with books) 4 : a suspension of business or procedure of-
ficial or relaxation (children playing at ~)

re-cess (1809) 1 : to put into a recess (<ed lighting) 2 : to make a
cess : to interrupt for a recess ~ *vi* : to take a recess

re-cession \ri-'se-shən/ *n* (ca. 1652) 1 : the act or action of receding
2 : a departing procession (as of clergy and choir at
the end of a church service) 3 : a period of reduced economic activity

re-cession-ary \-shə-'ner-ē/ *adj*

re-cession \rē-'se-shən/ *n* [re- + *cession*] (1828) : the act of ceding
possession

re-cessional \ri-'se-shən-əl, -'se-shə-nəl/ *adj* (1867) : of or relating to a
recession

re-cessional (1867) 1 : a hymn or musical piece at the conclusion of
a service or program 2 : RECESSION 2

re-cessive \ri-'se-siv/ *adj* (ca. 1673) 1 *a* : tending to recede *b* : WITH-
OUT : producing little or no phenotypic effect when occur-
ing in heterozygous condition with a contrasting allele (< ~ genes) *b*

expressed only when the determining gene is in the homozygous con-
dition — **re-ces-sive-ly** *adv* — **re-ces-sive-ness** *n*

re-cessive (1900) 1 : an organism possessing one or more recessive
characters 2 : a recessive character or gene

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *vt* (1598) 1 : to make a new attack 2 : to regain
strength or spirit ~ *vi* 1 : to charge again; *esp* : to restore anew the ac-
tivity in (a storage battery) 2 : to inspire or invigorate afresh

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* — **re-charge-able** \rē-'
chāj-ə-bəl/ *adj* — **re-charge-er** \-jər/ *n*

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [F, fr. *réchauffé* warmed-over, fr. pp.
of *réchauffer* to warm over, fr. *ré-* + *chauffer* to warm, fr. MF
more at CHAFE] (1805) 1 : REHASH 2 : a warmed-over
dish

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [F, fr. *recharger* to seek
recharge — more at RESEARCH] (1722) 1 *a* : EXQUISITE,
EXOTIC, RARE 2 : excessively refined : AFFECTED 3
: OVERBLOWN

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* (1886) : a tendency to relapse into a
condition or mode of behavior; *esp* : relapse into criminal be-
havior

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [F *recidiviste*, fr. *recidiver* to relapse, fr. ML *recidi-*
divis recurring, fr. *recidere* to fall back, fr. *re-* + *cadere* to
fall (CHANCE)] (1880) : one who relapses; *specif* : an habitual
relapser — **re-charge-ist** \rē-'chāj-ist/ *n* — **re-charge-ism** \rē-'
chāj-iz-əm/ *n*

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [L, take, imper. of *recipere* to take, receive —
re- + *capere*] (1584) 1 : PRESCRIPTION 4a 2 : a set of instruc-
tions for doing something from various ingredients 3 : a formula or
method for doing or attaining something (a ~ for success)

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [L *recipient*, *recipiens*, prp. of *recipere*]
to receive : RECEIVER — **recipient** *adj*

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [L *reciprocus* returning the same way,
fr. *re-* + *capere*] 1 *a* : inversely related : OPPOSITE *b* : of, constitut-
ing from paired crosses in which the kind that supplies the
first cross supplies the female parent of the second

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* 2 : shared, felt, or shown by both sides 3 : serv-
ice, consisting of or functioning as a return in kind (the
reciprocity of nuclear war) 4 *a* : mutually corresponding (agreed
privileges to each other's citizens) *b* : marked by or
reciprocity (< ~ trade agreements) — **re-clip-ro-cal-ly**

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* (1570) 1 : something in a reciprocal relationship to an-
other of a pair of numbers (as $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{1}$ or 9 and $\frac{1}{9}$) whose
product is unity : MULTIPLICATIVE INVERSE

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* (1844) : a pronoun (as *each other*) used when its
reference is to bear the same relationship to one another

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* 2 : to return in kind or degree (< a compliment
for a compliment) 3 : to make a return for something (we hope to ~
the kindness of our hosts)

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* 4 : to move forward and backward alternately (a
reciprocating engine) — **re-clip-ro-ca-tor** \-kā-tər/ *n*

re-charge \rē-'chāj/ *n* [RETAIATE, REQUITE, RETURN mean to give back
in quantity. RECIPROCAL implies a mutual or equivalent
paying back of what one has received (reciprocated
by inviting them for a visit). RETAIATE usu. implies
injury in exact kind, often vengefully (the enemy re-
taliated their prisoners). REQUITE implies a paying back
of preference and often not equivalently (requited her
affection). RETURN implies a paying or giving back
of good for evil).

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by the other

re-cl-sion \ri-'si-zhən/ *n* [MF, alter. of *rescision*, fr. LL *rescision*-, *rescis-*
sio rescission] (1611) : an act of rescinding : CANCELLATION

re-cl-tal \ri-'si-təl/ *n* (1536) 1 *a* : a detailed account : ENUMERATION (a
~ of names and dates) *b* : the act or process or an instance of reciting
c : DISCOURSE, NARRATION (a colorful ~ of a night on the town) 2 *a*

: a concert given by an individual musician or dancer or by a dance
troupe *b* : a public exhibition of skill given by music or dance pupils
— **re-cl-tal-ist** \-təl-ist/ *n*

re-cl-tation \rē-'sə-'tā-shən/ *n* (15c) 1 : the act of enumerating (a ~
of relevant details) 2 : the act or an instance of reading or repeating
aloud esp. publicly 3 *a* : a student's oral reply to questions *b* : a class
period esp. in association with and for review of a lecture

re-cl-tative \rē-'sə-'tā-tēv, -res-tā- / *n* [It *recitativo*, fr. *recitare* to recite,
fr. L] (1656) 1 : a rhythmically free vocal style that imitates the natu-
ral inflections of speech and that is used for dialogue and narrative in
operas and oratorios; also : a passage to be delivered in this style 2

: RECITATION 2 — **recitative** *adj*

re-cl-ta-ti-vo \-tē-(j)-vō/ *n*, *pl* -vī \-(j)-vē/ or -vos [It] (1645) : RECITATIVE
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re-cl-te \ri-'sīt/ *vb* **re-cl-ted**; **re-cl-t-ing** [ME, to state formally, fr. MF or
L; MF *reciter* to recite, fr. L *recitare*, fr. *re-* + *citare* to summon — more
at CITE] *vt* (15c) 1 : to repeat from memory or read aloud publicly 2 *a*

: to relate in full (< ~s dull anecdotes) *b* : to give a recital of : DETAIL
(recited a catalog of offenses) 3 : to repeat or answer questions about
(a lesson) ~ *vi* 1 : to repeat or read aloud something memorized or
prepared 2 : to reply to a teacher's question on a lesson — **re-cl-ter** *n*

reck \rek/ *vb* [ME, to take heed, fr. OE *reccan*; akin to OHG *ruohhen* to
take heed] *vt* (bef. 12c) 1 : WORRY, CARE 2 *archaic* : to be of account
or interest : MATTER ~ *vi* 1 *archaic* : to care for : REGARD 2 *archaic*

: to matter to : CONCERN

reck-less \rē-'klas/ *adj* (bef. 12c) 1 : marked by lack of proper caution
: careless of consequences 2 : IRRESPONSIBLE (< charges) *syn* see
ADVENTUROUS — **reck-less-ly** *adv* — **reck-less-ness** *n*

reck-on \re-'kən/ *vb* **reck-oned**; **reck-on-ing** \re-'kə-niŋ, 'rek-niŋ/ [ME
rekenen, fr. OE *reccenian* (as in *gereccenian* to narrate); akin to OE *reccan*]
vt (13c) 1 *a* : COUNT (< ~ the days till Christmas) *b* : ESTIMATE,
COMPUTE (< ~ the height of a building) *c* : to determine by reference
to a fixed basis (the existence of the U.S. is ~ed from the Declaration
of Independence) 2 : to regard or think of as : CONSIDER 3 *chiefly*
dial : THINK, SUPPOSE (I ~ I've outlived my time — Ellen Glasgow) ~

vi 1 : to settle accounts 2 : to make a calculation 3 *a* : JUDGE *b*
chiefly dial : SUPPOSE, THINK 4 : to accept something as certain
: place reliance (< I ~ on your promise to help) — **reck-on with** : to
take into consideration — **reck-on without** : to fail to consider : IG-
NORE

reckoning \ri-'kɒŋ/ *n* (14c) 1 : the act or an instance of reckoning: as *a* : AC-
COUNT, BILL *b* : COMPUTATION *c* : calculation of a ship's position 2

: a settling of accounts (day of ~) 3 : a summing up

re-claim \ri-'klām/ *vt* [ME *reclamen*, fr. MF *reclamer* to call back, fr. L
reclamare to cry out against, fr. *re-* + *clamare* to cry out — more at
CLAIM] (14c) 1 *a* : to recall from wrong or improper conduct : RE-
FORM *b* : TAME, SUBDUCE 2 *a* : to rescue from an undesirable state *b*

: to make available for human use by changing natural conditions (<
swampland) 3 : to obtain from a waste product or by-product : RE-
COVER 4 *a* : to demand or obtain the return of *b* : to regain posses-
sion of *syn* see RESCUE — **re-claim-able** \-klā-mə-bəl/ *adj*

re-cla-mation \rē-'klā-'mā-shən/ *n* [F *réclamation*, fr. L *reclamation*-,
reclamatio, fr. *reclamare*] (1633) : the act or process of reclaiming: as
a : REFORMATION, REHABILITATION *b* : restoration to use : RECOV-
ERY

re-cla-me \rē-'klām/ *n* [F, advertising, fr. *réclamer* to appeal, fr. MF *re-*
clamer] (1883) 1 : a gift for dramatization or publicity : SHOWMAN-
SHIP 2 : public acclaim : VOGUE

re-cline \ri-'klīn/ *vb* **re-clined**; **re-clin-ing** [ME, fr. MF or L; MF *recli-*
ner, fr. L *reclinare*, fr. *re-* + *clinare* to bend — more at LEAN] *vt* (15c)

: to cause or permit to incline backwards ~ *vi* 1 : to lean or incline
backwards 2 : REPOSE, LIE

re-clin-er \-klī-nər/ *n* (1928) : a chair with an adjustable back and foot-
rest

re-clos-able \rē-'klō-zə-bəl/ *adj* (1965) : capable of being tightly
closed again after opening (< ~ packages of bacon)

re-cluse \rē-'klūs, ri-'klūs, 're-'klüz/ *adj* [ME, fr. OF *reclus*, lit., shut
up, fr. LL *reclusus*, pp. of *recludere* to shut up, fr. L *re-* + *cludere* to
close — more at CLOSE] (13c) : marked by withdrawal from society
: SOLITARY — **re-clu-sive** \ri-'klū-siv, -ziv/ *adj* — **re-clu-sive-ly** *adv* —
re-clu-sive-ness *n*

re-cluse \rē-'klūs/ *n* (13c) : a person who leads a secluded or solitary life

re-clu-sion \ri-'klū-zhən/ *n* (15c) : the state of being recluse

rec-og-nise *chiefly Brit var* of RECOGNIZE

rec-og-ni-tion \rē-'kig-'ni-shən, -kəg-/ *n* [ME *recognicion*, fr. L
recognitio-, *recognitio*, fr. *recognoscere*] (15c) 1 : the action of recog-
nizing : the state of being recognized: as *a* : ACKNOWLEDGMENT; *esp*
: formal acknowledgment of the political existence of a government or
nation *b* : knowledge or feeling that someone or something present
has been encountered before 2 : special notice or attention 3 : the
sensing and encoding of printed or written data by a machine (optical
character ~) (magnetic ink character ~)

re-cog-ni-zance \ri-'kəg-nə-zən(t)s, -'kə-nə-/ *n* [ME, alter. of *reconis-*
sance, fr. MF *reconnaissance* recognition, fr. *reconistre* to recognize]
(14c) 1 *a* : an obligation of record entered into before a court or mag-
istrate requiring the performance of an act (as appearance in court)
usu. under penalty of a money forfeiture (released on his own ~) *b*

: the sum liable to forfeiture upon such an obligation 2 *archaic* : TO-
KEN, PLEDGE